

9. (New) A foam sponge cutting apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second cutting device further comprises means for moving the horizontal working section up and down in a plane substantially parallel to the blade strip frame.

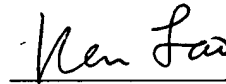
REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification herein to correct instances of improper usage of the English language. No new matter is introduced by way of amendment.

Applicant has amended claims 1 through 6 to provide proper antecedent bases for the claimed features. No new matter is introduced by way of amendment.

Applicant has also added new claims 7, 8 and 9. Applicant believes that all of the antecedent bases for these new added claims can be found in the specification.

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